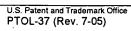
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.			
1. This communication is responsive to <u>10/17/2005</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-9,18-24 and 34</u> .			
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received:	been received. been received in Application No		ion from the
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant provisionally elected the species in Figures 24-29, Group VII, claims 1-9,18-24 and 34 in the response dated 10/17/2005. Claims 10-17,25-33 and 35-50 were not elected.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 10-17,25-33 and 35-50 drawn to the species non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 10-17,25-33 and 35-50 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 18-24 and 34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 includes a vehicular lighting system that comprises an elongated mounting base having a body, body having central portion with central bearing surface for contacting mounting surface, body including pair of flanges having upwardly depending portions extending from central portion and downwardly depending portions extending from central portion, downwardly depending portions

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forming bearing surfaces spaced from central bearing surface for contacting mounting surface, and central portion having an elongated groove opposed from central bearing surface, elongated groove extending along base, elongated groove and inner surfaces of flanges defining an elongated receptacle, and flexible light strip positioned and retained in receptacle by flanges, light strip being contained within receptacle, and light strip comprising transparent polymeric body and plurality of light sources encapsulated in polymeric body, and light strip having contacts for electrically coupling light sources to power supply.

The combination of limitations in claim 1 are not found or taught in the art of record. In particular, the prior art of record which is most pertinent to applicants' invention, US 3,404,268 to Fowler, does not have or teach the downwardly depending portions forming bearing surfaces spaced from central bearing surface.

Claims 2-9, 18-24 and 34 depend from claim 1, add further limitations and are allowable for the same reasons.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James W. Cranson whose telephone number is 571-272-2368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30A.M.- 5:00P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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